

What is claimed is:

1. A machine tool comprising a hydrostatic slideway for guiding a movable member for movement of the movable member, the hydrostatic slideway comprising opposed slideways between which pressurized fluid is supplied, wherein the pressurized fluid is supplied to the hydrostatic slideway at a first pressure when the movable member is moved during a workpiece machining operation, wherein the pressurized fluid is supplied to the hydrostatic slideway at a second pressure higher than the first pressure when the movable member is moved without performing the workpiece machining operation.
2. A machine tool as set forth in claim 1, wherein, when a command for specifying the pressure of the pressurized fluid to be supplied to the hydrostatic slideway is issued, the pressurized fluid is forcibly supplied to the hydrostatic slideway at the specified pressure.